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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR THE
REMOVAL OF PSORALENS FROM BLOOD
PRODUCTS

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 25, 2005 (Paper No. 20050419), for which a response was due on July 25, 2005. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 25, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.